GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2509
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2001
INDIAN TEAM TO AFGHANISTAN
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently sent a team of diplomats to Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details and the main purpose thereof; and

(c) the composition of the said team?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)-(c) A diplomatic mission of the Ministry of External Affairs visited Kabul, Afghanistan on 21 November, 2001. The Mission team comprised of Special Envoy for Afghanistan, senior officials of the Ministry of External Affairs, interpreters and other essential staff. There was also a medical and nursing component with the team, which has stayed behind along with the Liaison Officer of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. After the closure of the Indian Embassy in Kabul on September 26, 1996, this was the first Indian diplomatic Mission to Afghanistan.